

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application; please amend the claims as follows:

1-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling the growth of fungi and house dust mites in a carpet comprising: ~~combining~~

at a rate of 10 to 500 mg a.i./m<sup>2</sup>, applying an aqueous solution to the carpet with,

wherein said aqueous solution comprises a combination of active ingredients, said combination of active ingredients comprising component (ia) a fungicidally effective amount of at least one fungicidal compound comprising at least one member from the group consisting of azoxystrobin, and fludioxonil or a mixture thereof, and component (ib) permethrin,

wherein a ratio of component (a) to component (b) is from 1:10 to 10:1, and

wherein said combination of active ingredients is present in a concentration of from about 100 to about 10,000 ppm of the aqueous solution.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 wherein ~~the at least one fungicidal compound~~ component (a) is, comprises azoxystrobin.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 wherein component (a) is the at least one fungicidal compound comprises azoxystrobin and fludioxonil.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 wherein the rate at which the aqueous solution is applied the at least one fungicidal compound and the permethrin are each applied to the carpet is a rate of about 30 to 200 mg a.i./m<sup>2</sup> at a level of at least about 10 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~30-29~~ wherein the rate at which the aqueous solution is applied ~~at least one fungicidal compound and the permethrin are each applied to the carpet at~~ is a level rate of ~~at least about 30-100~~ mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

34-35. (Cancelled)

36. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the carpet comprises a pile and a backing and wherein at least 50% by weight of the combination of active ingredients remains in the carpet after said applying in an area comprising a bottom half portion of the pile to below the backing.